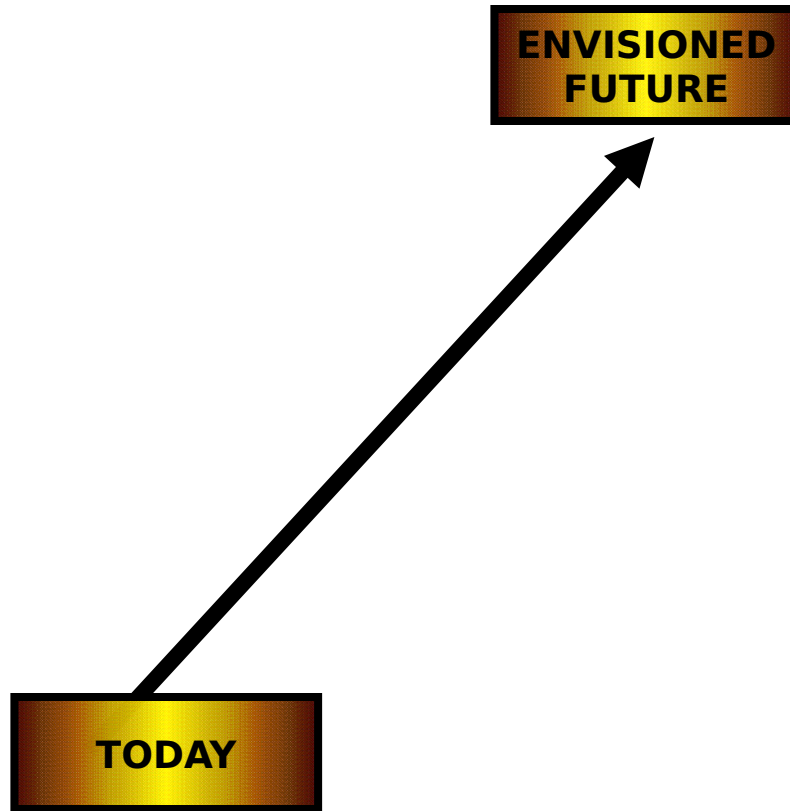




# **“THE ARMY FUTURE FORCE”**

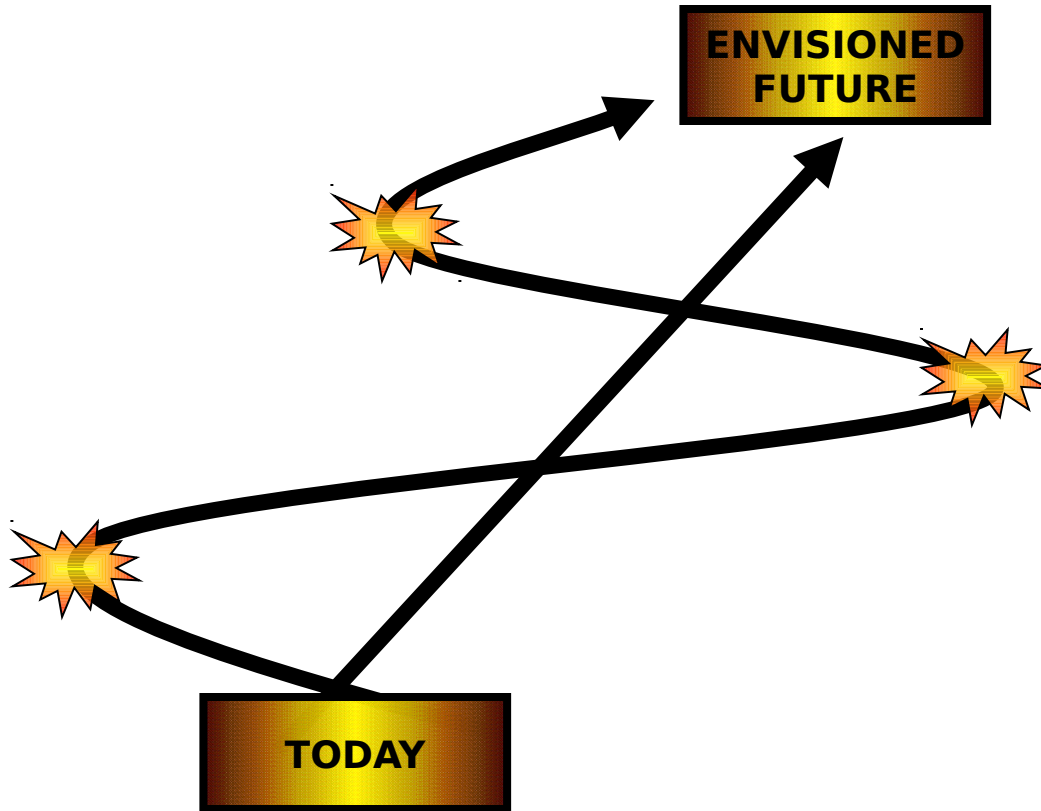
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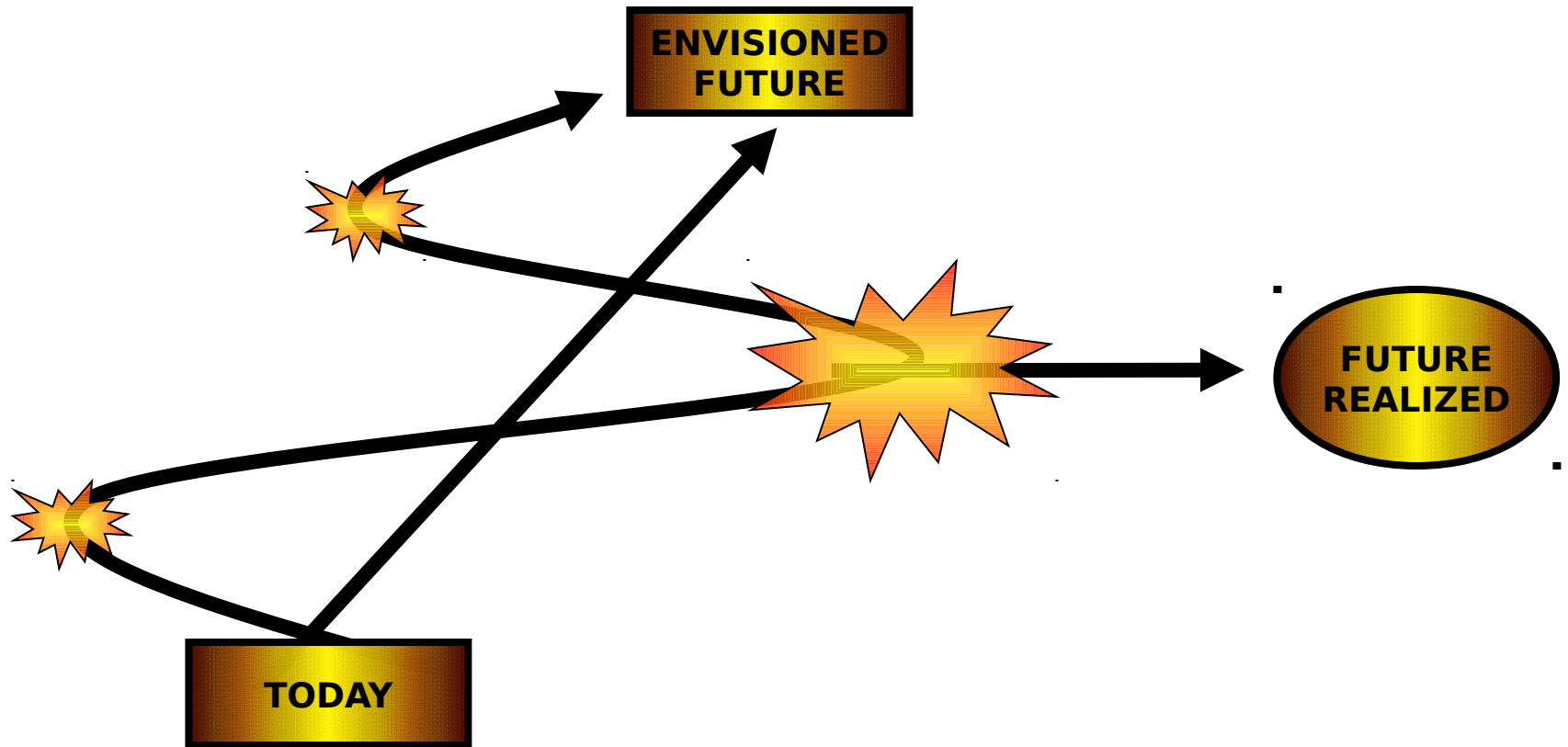
**Some see a predictable future**

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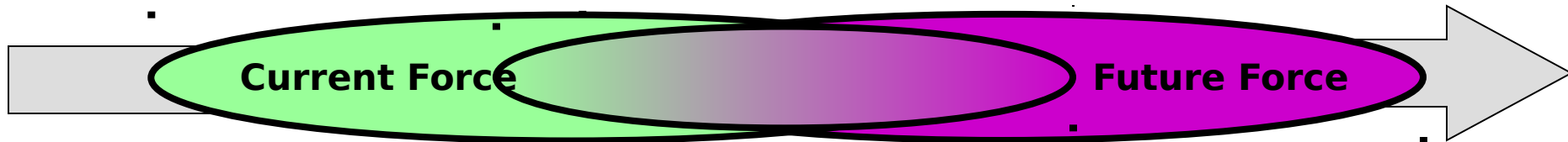
**History tells us that we will see some twists and turns**

# PATH TO THE FUTURE



**History also tells us that we may have it all wrong.**

# THE FUTURE FORCE



Increasingly

y

*joint*

*modular*

*networked*

*responsive*

*deployable*

*repositioned*

*unit manned*

*rotation*

*based*

The Army of Today

**Ranger  
Airborne  
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Special Forces  
Mechanized Forces  
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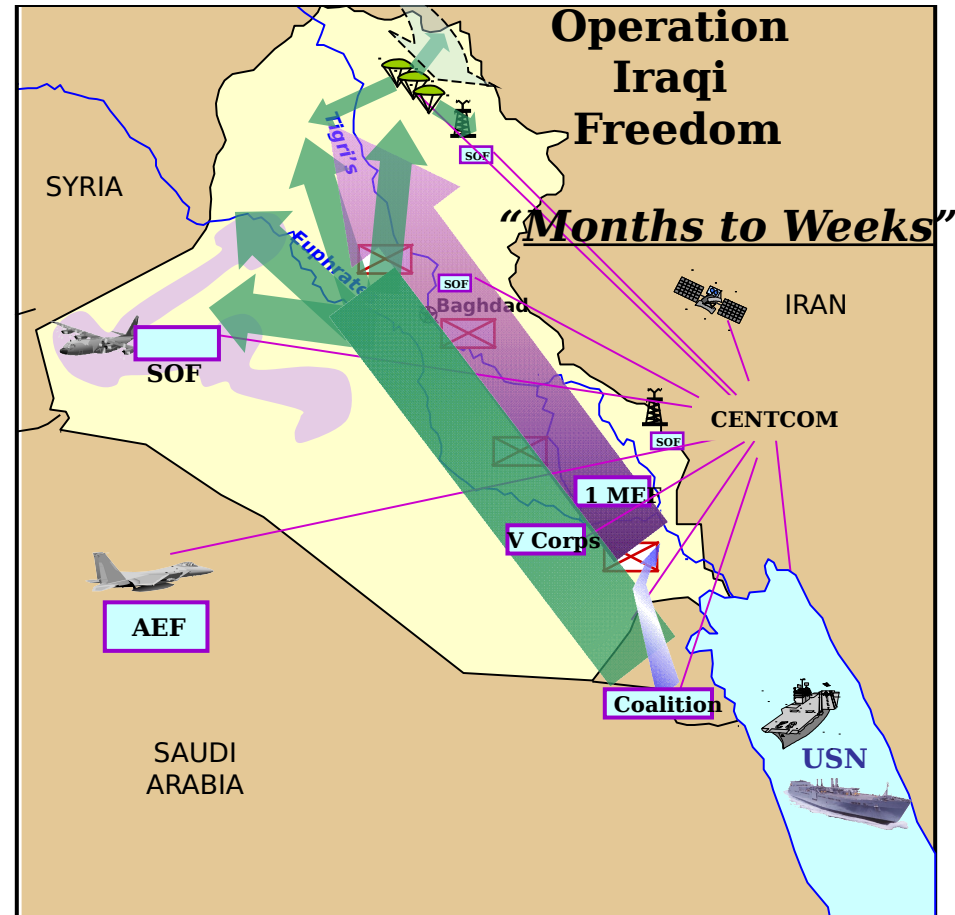
The Army of 2010 +

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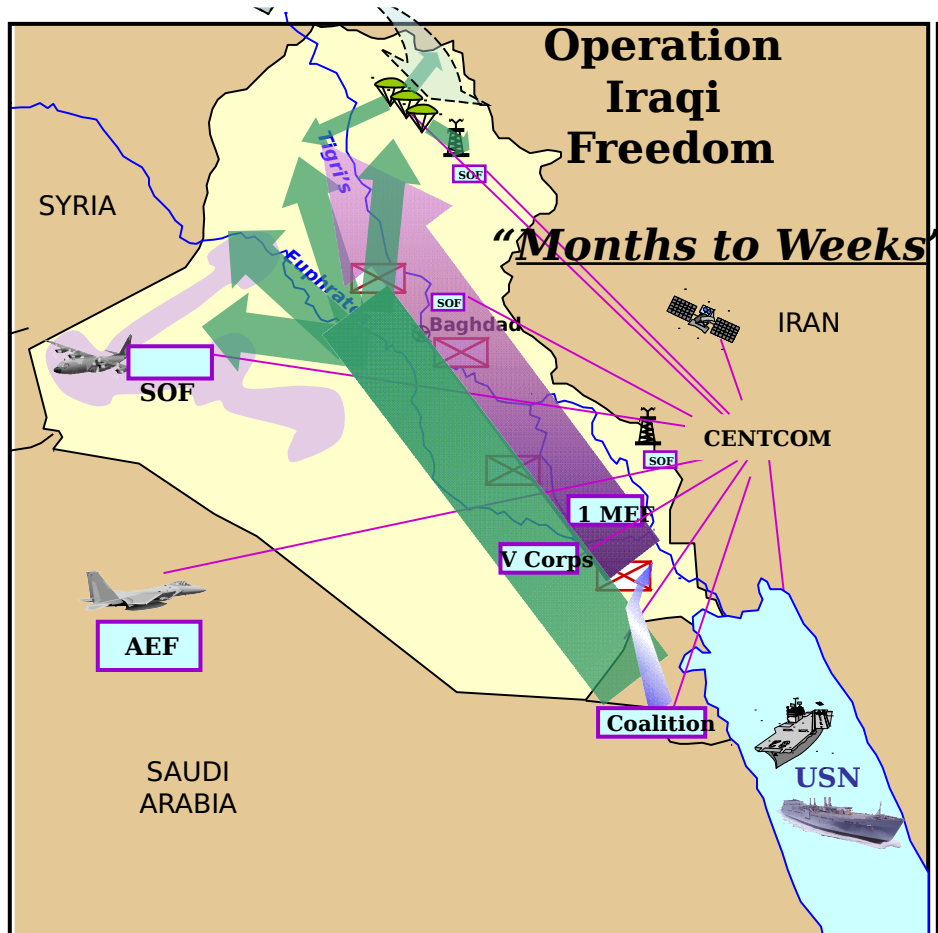


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- **Fight after buildup** at major ports and airports
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- **Attrition** of enemy forces with massed formations
- **Large logistical tail** with large footprint forward
- Sum of **Combined Arms**

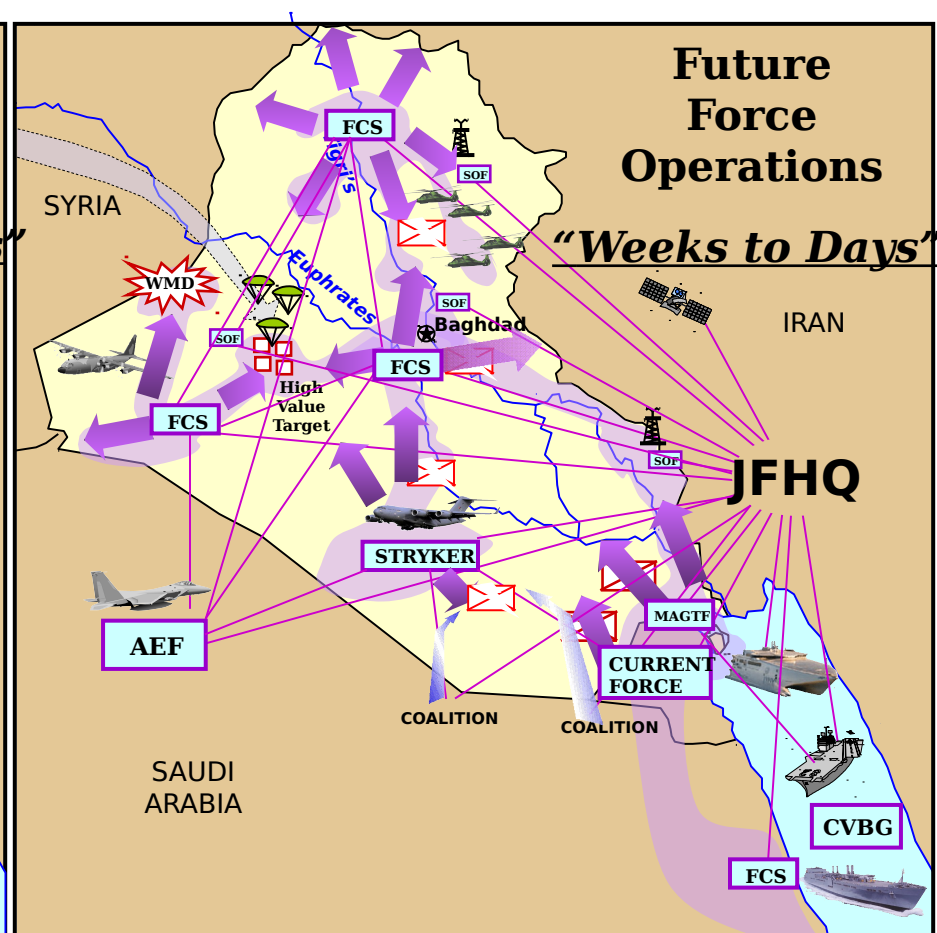


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- **Fight after buildup** at major ports and airports
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- **Destruction** or dispersion of enemy by overwhelming maneuver and fires
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- Sum of **Combined Arms** increasingly joint, major SOF role

# THE ARMY: HOW WE WILL CHANGE



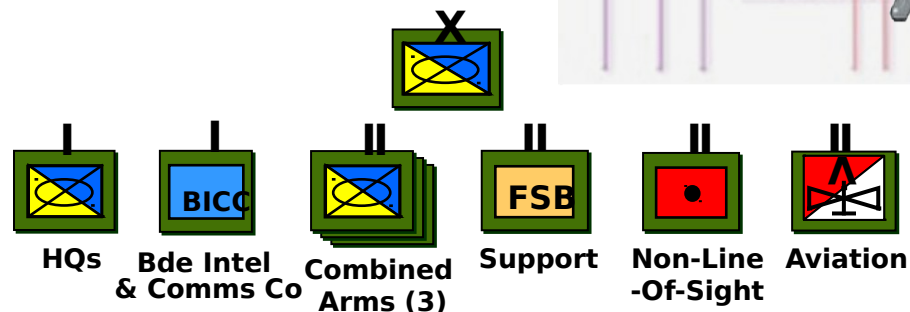
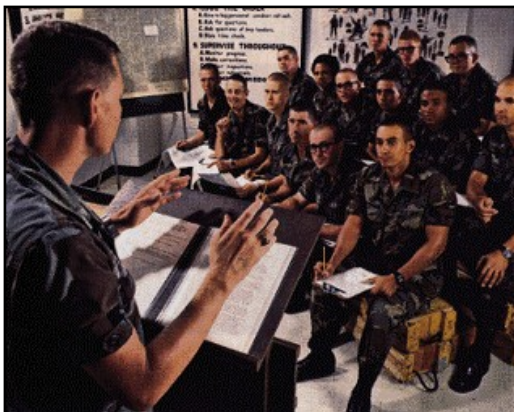
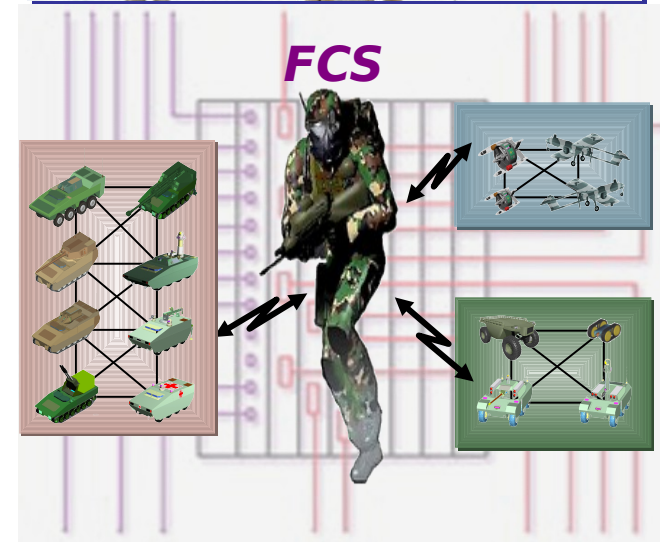
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- **Simultaneous**, distributed, non-linear operations
- **Fight on arrival** at multiple austere entry points
- **Self-synchronization** thru shared, enhanced situational awareness from global and robust Joint C2 and Intelligence
- **Directly attack centers of gravity** with precision effects
- **Small logistics footprint** with reachback
- Synergy of **Joint Operations**

# TO GET THERE

- **Culture of innovation**
- **Rigorous experimentation**
- **Modular, expeditionary formations and headquarters**
- **Networked systems that support soldiers**
- **Training and leader development**





# THE KEYS TO VICTORY . . . .

- **Enduring quality of the American Soldier**
- **Training and Leader Development Programs**
- 
- **Joint and Combined Arms**

**Formations *WIN!***

*Every generation has its heroes.  
This one is no different.*

